

# The Village of Northfield

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 12, 2020

The Office Suite HD Video Meeting was called to order by Mayor Nehez at 7:30 p.m.

The **ROLL CALL** was read by Ms. Potvin. The following officials were present: Mayor Nehez and Councilpersons Jenn Domzalski, Renell Noack, Keith Czerr, Gary Vojtush, and Alan Hipps. Also present for the meeting were Law Director Brad Bryan, Finance Director/Clerk of Council Jennifer Potvin, Fire Chief Jason Buss, and Engineer Rich Wasosky.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to approve the Minutes for the July 22, 2020 Council Meeting was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Mr. Hipps. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The July 22, 2020 Minutes were approved.

**AKRON ZOO PRESENTATION:** Jennifer Clark, Akron Zoo Education Animal Ambassador Keeper made a presentation to Council involving an Asian lizard meeting guest, the mission of the Zoo, its educational programs, its economic impact on the community, and its growth over the last 20 years. Ms. Clark provided information regarding the Zoo levy that will appear on the November 3, 2020 ballot and requested Council to endorse the levy, either as a body or individually.

### **REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:**

**Mayor Jesse Nehez** – Mayor Nehez stated he did not have a report this evening.

**Finance Director, Jennifer Potvin** – Ms. Potvin reported the 2018-2019 State Audit is still in process. Ms. Potvin stated there is an appropriation/transfer amendment on the agenda. The first item in that Resolution is an appropriation amendment for the \$71,086 LifePak/cardiac monitor grant awarded to the Fire Department. The second item relates to her recommendation that the Village pay off the 2018 Ford Medix ambulance due to its over-market interest rate. The third item relates to a necessary transfer into the Police Pension fund.

**Engineer, Rich Wasosky** – Mr. Wasosky reported the replacement arm mast pole for Ledge Road and Rt. 8 will be shipped to the painting contractor next week. The pole should be delivered to Signal Service for installation by early September. Mr. Wasosky stated he is almost finished with his study and recommendations for alleviating the flooding issues in the Russo's Pizza plaza. He stated any solution will be very costly, and there are not sufficient funds in the Village's budget to perform any of this work at this time. The Village would have to apply for OPWC Issue 1 grants or loans for at least 50% of the cost. The next application deadline based upon past practice will not be until July of 2021, meaning the construction could not take place until at least 2022. In the meantime, he agrees with Mr. Walters' recommendation to install a temporary detention area on the Summit Plaza property near Handel's Ice Cream to provide some temporary flooding relief. Mr. Hipps stated he is not in favor of expending Village funds to solve a stormwater problem that should have been and should be addressed by the property owners of the two plazas. Mr. Wasosky stated Mr. Hipps view of the matter is not unreasonable. Mr.

Wasosky also reported new EPA MS4 requirements will go into effect this fall that will require additional work on the part of municipalities.

**Law Director, Brad Bryan** – Mr. Bryan stated he had no report this evening.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**Police Department, Chief John Zolgus** – Chief Zolgus will be present at the next Regular Council Meeting.

**Fire Department, Chief Jason Buss** – Chief Buss stated he received a quote for materials and labor to mount the new storm siren in the amount of just below \$7,000. He would like direction from the Mayor and Council whether they want him to proceed with the work, since the cost is more than was expected. Mr. Vojtush asked whether the Village could have the extra First Energy utility pole from Ledge Road to use to mount the siren. Chief Buss stated there would be a significant savings on the quote if the wooden pole were not included. Mr. Wasosky stated the pole belongs to the contractor, but he would see if it would be willing to let the Village have it. If permission is granted, Mr. Wasosky and Chief Buss will investigate whether the size and condition of the pole is suitable for the storm siren. A motion to approve and accept the \$74,640 Assistance of Firefighters LifePak/Cardiac Monitor Grant with an additional \$3,554.29 Village cost share obligation match was made by Mr. Vojtush and seconded by Ms. Noack. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The motion was adopted.

**Service Dept., Jason Walters**– Mr. Walters will be present at the next Regular Council Meeting. Mr. Bryan requested a motion to approve the \$6,625 proposal from Stewart Landscaping for the Northfield Road Stormwater Detention Berm Project. The motion was made by Ms. Domzalski and seconded by Ms. Noack. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Hipps-no; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The motion was adopted.

#### **REPORTS OF THE MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

**Planning Commission, Mr. Hipps** – No report.

**Recreation Board, Mayor Nehez** – Mayor Nehez scheduled an Office Suite HD Recreation Board Meeting for Wednesday September 2, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

**Cemetery Board, Mayor Nehez** – Mayor Nehez stated the Cemetery Board has not met recently, and there is nothing to report.

#### **REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Finance Committee, Mr. Magistrelli** – Mr. Magistrelli was not present for the meeting, and no one else on the Committee had anything to report.

**Roads and Public Works, Ms. Domzalski** – No report.

**Health and Welfare, Mr. Czerr** – No report.

**Wages and Working Conditions, Mr. Vojtush** – No report.

**Fire and Safety, Ms. Noack** – Ms. Noack stated Chief Zolcus asked her to thank everyone for authorizing the purchase of the new cruiser and advise everyone the Chief will be sending out information on the new radios.

**Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Hipps** – No report.

**LEGISLATION:**

**Ordinance No. 2020-22, An Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 660.14 of the Codified Ordinances Relating to Unclean Premises (Third Reading)**

The Ordinance was read by title by Mr. Bryan. A motion to pass was made by Ms. Domzalski and seconded by Mr. Vojtush. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The Ordinance was adopted.

**Ordinance No. 2020-23, An Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 1490.075 of the Codified Ordinances Relating to Exterior Property Areas (Second Reading)**

The Ordinance was read by title by Mr. Bryan. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Vojtush and seconded by Ms. Domzalski. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The motion was approved. A motion to pass was made by Ms. Domzalski and seconded by Mr. Vojtush. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The Ordinance was adopted.

**Resolution No. 2020-27, An Emergency Resolution Authorizing Certain Amendments to the 2020 Appropriation Resolution and/or Transferring Items Already Appropriated in that Resolution (First Reading)**

The Resolution was read by title by Mr. Bryan. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Mr. Hipps. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The motion was approved. A motion to pass was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Ms. Domzalski. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The Resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 2020-28, An Emergency Resolution Confirming the Mayor's Appointment of Jessie Ferko to the Recreation Board (First Reading)**

The Resolution was read by title by Mr. Bryan. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Mr. Hipps. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The motion was approved. A motion to pass was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Ms. Domzalski. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The Resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 2020-29, An Emergency Resolution Confirming the Mayor/Director of Public Safety's Appointment of Christian Bobak as a Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedic (First Reading)**

The Resolution was read by title by Mr. Bryan. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Vojtush and seconded by Mr. Hipps. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The motion was approved. A motion to pass was made by Mr. Vojtush and seconded by Ms. Noack. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The Resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 2020-30, An Emergency Resolution Directing the Certification of Delinquent Grass, Weed Cutting, and Property Clean-Up Bills to the County Fiscal Officer for Placement on the Tax Duplicate (First Reading)**

The Resolution was read by title by Mr. Bryan. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Mr. Vojtush. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The motion was approved. A motion to pass was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Mr. Vojtush. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The Resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 2020-31, An Emergency Resolution Directing the Certification of Delinquent Sewer Maintenance Bills to the County Fiscal Officer for Placement on the Tax Duplicate (First Reading)**

The Resolution was read by title by Mr. Bryan. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Vojtush and seconded by Ms. Domzalski. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The motion was approved. A motion to pass was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Mr. Vojtush. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The Resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 2020-32, An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Property Donation Agreement with Debra Boose, Executor of the Estate of Jean M. Kino, and Accept the Donation of Real Property Known as 10414 Electric Boulevard to the Village (First Reading)**

Mr. Bryan stated this Resolution needs to be removed from the Agenda and be put on hold. Mr. Bryan spoke with the donor earlier today and an issue relating to the property has arisen in the Probate Court that needs to be straightened out before the property can be donated to the Village.

**Resolution No. 2020-33, An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Lease Agreement with New Plaza Management, LLC in Connection with the Village Northfield Road Stormwater Detention Berm Project (First Reading)**

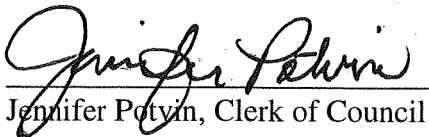
The Resolution was read by title by Mr. Bryan. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Mr. Vojtush. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Hipps-no; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The motion was approved. A motion to pass was made by Mr. Vojtush and seconded by Mr. Czerr. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Hipps-no; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The Resolution was adopted.

**OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Ms. Noack stated she wanted to express her sympathy for the death of Jason Walters' grandmother and her well wishes to Lisa Rodriguez to recover from her surgery as soon as possible.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Domzalski and seconded by Ms. Noack. All were in favor of the motion; none were opposed. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Approved by Council.

  
Jennifer Potvin, Clerk of Council